

for a ceremony to commemorate the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

H. Con. Res. 123. Concurrent resolution to provide for the provisional approval of regulations applicable to certain covered employing offices and covered employees and to be issued by the Office of Compliance before January 23, 1996.

### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 418. An act for the relief of Arthur J. Carron, Jr., to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 419. An act for the relief of Benchmark Rail Group, Inc; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1315. An act for the relief of Kris Murty, to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 1398. An act to designate the United Post Office building located at 1203 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Charles J. Coyle Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1880. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 102 South McLean, Lincoln, Illinois, as the "Edward Madigan Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2029. An act to amend the Farm Credit Act of 1971 to provide regulatory relief, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 2262. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 218 North Alston Street in Foley, Alabama, as the "Holk Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2704. An act to provide that the United States Post Office building that is to be located on the 7436 South Exchange Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, shall be known and designated as the "Charles A. Hayes Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 106. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H. Con. Res. 123. Concurrent resolution to provide for the provisional approval of regulations applicable to certain covered employing offices and covered employees and to be issued by the Office of Compliance before January 23, 1996; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

H.J. Res. 132. Joint resolution affirming that budget negotiations shall be based on the most recent technical and economic assumptions of the Congressional Budget Office and shall achieve a balanced budget by fiscal year 2002 based on those assumptions.

### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1737. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget,

Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals dated December 1, 1995; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, Committee on the Budget, Committee on Finance, Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1738. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, transmitting, a notice relative to funding of the Judiciary; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1739. A communication from the Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on compliance by insured depository institutions with the national flood insurance program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1740. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the National Water Quality Inventory Report for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1741. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the trade and employment effects of the Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA); to the Committee on Finance.

### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-483. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

#### "LEGISLATIVE RESOLVE NO. 18

"Whereas the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, has issued a new strategic plan known as "Reinvention of the Forest Service"; and

"Whereas this plan has far-reaching implications and was developed without consultation with key elected leaders, including state governors, members of the United States Congress, or community, tribal government, and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) corporate leaders in contradiction of President Clinton's Executive Order No. 12875 "Enhancing Intergovernmental Partnerships"; and

"Whereas Vice-President Gore's "Report on Reinventing Government" was developed with the promised intent of empowering local governments and decentralizing decision-making power; and

"Whereas the "Reinvention of the Forest Service" strategic plan approved by Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy, just before his resignation, eliminates the very foundation of locally based authority that had the responsibility of working with states, local communities, tribal governments, and ANCSA corporations and masks and diffuses decision-making authority and withdraws it to Washington, D.C., making the Forest Service less responsive to local concerns; and

"Whereas moving the Alaska Region Forest Service office to Portland, Oregon, is an example of the flawed science being used to define ecosystems and ecological boundaries; and

"Whereas the newly defined purpose of the Forest Service to promote the sustainability of ecosystems without specifically retaining the traditional Forest Service objective of promoting community stability has already created problems and crises for hundreds of communities dependent upon the national

forests and state and private forest ecosystems; and

"Whereas the new strategic plan has seemingly turned away from commitment towards providing a continuous flow of renewable resources to meet the public need, as directed in the Organic Act, Multiple-Use Sustained Yield Act of 1960, the National Forest Management Act, and other Acts of the Congress; and

"Whereas, under the new strategic plan, the Forest Service is more inclined to present a nebulous plan for ecosystem management where resource yields are simply the by-products of management, with no predictable flows or commitments to supply levels to sustain human life: Be it

*Resolved*, That the Alaska State Legislature calls upon the newly designated Secretary of Agriculture to suspend implementation of the reinvention project's strategic plan approved by Secretary Espy to allow for Congressional review and for consultation with local governments; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, conduct true partnership meetings with states, communities, tribal governments, and ANCSA corporations to develop a new strategic plan; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Forest Service acknowledge the United States Department of Agriculture's legal obligations to rebuild, restore, and promote the economic stability of forest dependent communities; and be it further

*Resolved*, That, in keeping with federal law, timber commodities are a primary not a residual value of forest management; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, through a true partnership with local communities, identify and implement strategies for decentralizing decision making and empowering state and local governments to more effectively manage forest ecosystems to assure community stability, improve service to the public, and reduce government cost.

"Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior; Jack Ward Thomas, Chief of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress."

POM-484. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### "LEGISLATIVE RESOLVE NO. 22

"Whereas 46 U.S.C. Appx. 861-889 (Merchant Marine Act of 1920), commonly known as the Jones Act, requires that seaborne shipping between United States ports be done on vessels that have been constructed in the United States and that are crewed by United States crews; and

"Whereas this requirement has resulted in much higher costs for shipping bulk commodities on United States vessels between domestic ports than for shipping those commodities on foreign carriers between United States and foreign ports; and

"Whereas there are currently no bulk carriers constructed in the United States that are capable of servicing the large-scale movement of Alaska coal and coal derived fuels; and